



St John's College Nambour

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Principal's Message



Dear Johnnies Community,

The term is very much moving into its busiest time. At the half-way mark, your children should be settled and well and truly in learning, homework, assignment and study mode. Together with the academic

aspects, sport and extra curricula activities are in full swing.

The netball season kicks off soon; the boys have been training for rugby and have played trials against AB Paterson College from the Gold Coast, and there have also been some league games set for the annual year 9 Challenge day; the swimming squad compete next week at the District Carnival; and the Year 7, 2021 Information night is next Tuesday. I'm sure that as I get older the world travels faster and keeping up with all these activities and the demands of the dynamic educational climate can leave you feeling a little hazy. Thankfully, we can stop and be silent, to pray and reflect on all that happens around us.

I share this blessing with you and hopefully it is encouraging to you:

May God enter into all that confuses you and holds you in unrest and unknowing.

May you be blessed with the willingness to abide in the confusion long enough to allow God to be revealed there.

May this God who, at the beginning of time, brought beauty and order out of chaos and darkness, bring you to a deep calm and a holy understanding of divine purpose.

May the God of Clarity bless you always. Amen.

Maxine Shonk, OP

Our students, your children, respond positively to our professional and caring staff. We have much to be proud of

here at Johnnies. However, it is not time to rest on past successes, we have much to celebrate, but it is time to refocus on the challenges of the second year of the new ATAR system for our seniors, the NAPLAN tests for Years 7 & 9, and of course the writing tasks and improving our numeracy skills, as well as our in-school assessments.

Onward to success everyone and thank you for making the start of 2021 so enjoyable.

Year 7 2022 Enrolments

St John's College Nambour invites you to Enrol for Year 7, 2022

A Parent Information Evening will be held at the College on **Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 6:30pm.**

College tours will be available from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on this day.

To register your interest, please email snamenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au

Please apply via the ENROL tab on our website.

Interviews will take place from Monday 8th March until Friday 19th March.

The first-round cut-off date for Year 7 2022 interviews is Friday 5th March 2021.

Late applications will be considered if places are available.

Please note that this also applies to late applications from Catholic families, families from our feeder schools and families with siblings currently at the College.

Please apply via the ENROL tab on our website

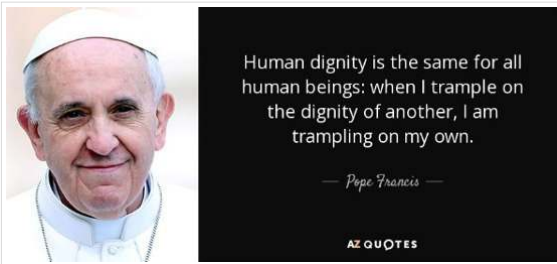
<http://www.stjohns.qld.edu.au/>

**Mr Chris Gold
Principal**

Celebrating a Strong Catholic Identity

Catholic Perspectives – Dignity

Our Year 7 students are busily enjoying their UNITE camp. The camp is just one part of a multifaceted approach to encircling all our students in our Johnnies Way. Our 'call to be neighbour to all' has been a focus of the camp, and an action we expect our students to bring back to campus. We are also equipping them with skills beyond school, instilling them with the fundamental belief in the worth of every single person. This belief is based on the Catholic Perspective of Human Dignity. As promised, I have copied some of the communication on Catholic Perspectives provided by BCE, which comes with the imprimatur of the Archbishop of Brisbane. This section on Dignity can also be found on the College Website.



Human Dignity: The Catholic perspective promotes human dignity, the essential worth or dignity of the human person as made in the image and likeness of God. Each human being is unique and unrepeatable and loved and called by God. This means that every human being, in every circumstance, is good. This is not to say that they are morally good. Our moral goodness or moral badness is based on the moral decisions we make. Rather, to affirm the worth or dignity of the human person is to affirm that it is a good thing that he or she exists, that his or her existence is desired by God and that his or her existence is worthwhile. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013). Catholic thinking about sexuality and relationships is based on this basic affirmation of the equal worth of all human beings.

BCE Curriculum (bne.catholic.edu.au)

Mrs Fiona Baker
Assistant Principal Formation and Identity

Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

Shrove Tuesday

At the start of this month our Social Action Committee were busy organizing donations of pancake mix, toppings and much more. Thank you to our wonderful SJC community for donating these items which were used this week for our Shrove Tuesday fundraising event, raising a total of \$463.00 for Caritas. Our students did an amazing job on Tuesday to cook literally hundreds of pancakes, with many students coming up for seconds so they could indulge a little before they begin their Lenten journey; many giving up sugar, chocolate, soft drink

to name a few things. However, there is so much more we can look to do during Lent. Make a donation to Project Compassion, start a fundraiser; give up an indulgent food item or give up swearing...there are so many ways to put your compassion into action. Whatever you choose to do, you'll be contributing towards a more just and compassionate world. As individuals and as a community we can use Lent as a demonstration of our faith, love and generosity, we can all take simple actions in order to "be more" for our world.



Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021



This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each Pastoral Care group will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

God of all people's and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey, may our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Through living simply and loving generously, may we care for our global family and our common home as we "Aspire not to have more, but to be more". We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Supporting a Connected Community

Positive Parenting

2021 so far has been packed with plenty of opportunities for engagement. We thank all those who attended the Welcome BBQ, provided by the P&F Association, and who took the opportunity to connect with other families in our community.

Sharing in each other's stories is a wonderful way for students and their families to develop connections and a sense of belonging. As a college, we aim to facilitate more opportunities for families to engage over the course of your child's secondary education.

Throughout all the busyness we understand students and parents can feel uncertain about what high school 'looks and feels' like and how to become comfortable with the uncomfortable, not only in the transition to secondary education, but with navigating high school in general.

Our Year 7 Parents may have already viewed the School TV Special Report "Starting Year 7" from previous newsletters, designed to help students in their high school transition. We would also like to remind parents of the wealth of information which is accessible from our affiliates which can help in the school journey for both parents and students.

St John's enlists the support of School TV, an online resource designed to empower you as parents. While all the School TV resources can be accessed via the Parent Portal at any time throughout the year, we will occasionally reference particular topics in our weekly newsletter, that may be timely in your household.

This week we would like to highlight the power of Positive Parenting which ultimately can *'maintain a child's health and safety; promote a child's emotional wellbeing; instill a child's social skills; and prepare a child intellectually. There is no such thing as a perfect parent, but arming yourself with the right information is a good start!'* The triangulated partnership between staff, students and parents is paramount and we are committed to ensuring each child feels safe, confident and capable of letting their light shine.

Click on the link below to access a series of videos on Positive Parenting with advice provided by experts in the field.

Positive Parenting | St John's College Nambour (schooltv.me)

Not only can parents access School TV via the Portal; parents also have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinars. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

Elevate's next webinar will take place live online Wednesday 24th February from 6pm – 7pm where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly. Registration for Elevate is essential! You can register by clicking here.

For more information on Elevate please contact them directly on:

1300 667 945 | <https://au.elevateeducation.com> | <https://www.facebook.com/ElevateEd/>

We look forward to supporting and empowering our parents and students as we work towards a year of learning growth, resilience and success.

Jess White
Assistant Principal – Wellbeing and Engagement

Library News



Speed Reading

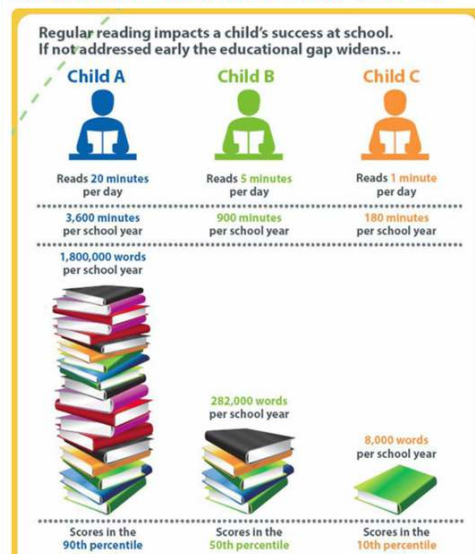
This year in the library we have been conducting some great reading lessons with our Year 7 and Year 9 Students. Classes have been coming down and participating in our Speed Dating with Books.

It has been proven that reading just 10 minutes a day can enhance student's comprehension, spelling and grammar. We believe that if we can pair the right student with the right book, even those who claim 'they don't like to read' will find they enjoy it and in turn reap the benefits of it.

If you have a student in Year 7 or Year 9, have a chat with them about the book that they borrowed. Even spend some time reading together at the end of the day. You too can reap the benefits of this daily practice

Read on!
Miss Corey, Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe

THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINS EACH DAY



Tuckshop News



| TUCKSHOP ROSTER | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Tuckshop Co-ordinator: Sharon Brady Contact: 0411 583 169 | | | | |
| WEEK 5A - TERM 1 2021 | | | | |
| MONDAY 22 February | TUESDAY 23 February | WEDNESDAY 24 February | THURSDAY 25 February | FRIDAY 26 February |
| Shellee Volunteer Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required | Volunteers Required |

School Procedures

Arriving Late to School

STUDENTS:

- Report to the office with Student ID card.
- Sign In at Student Reception to enter late arrival.
- Students will receive a late slip from office staff.
- Go straight to PC or class.

PARENTS:

- Please call ahead if you know your student is going to be late.
- Alternatively, parents can provide a written note for students to hand in at the office.
- If students do not sign in at the office or do not have a reason for their late arrival, **Parents will receive an absentee text message.**

Leaving School Early

PARENTS:

- Please write a signed and dated note in your student's diary (Students MUST have a note from parent/ guardian requesting permission for student to leave at a specific time.)
- Parents must collect students from the office.
- Due to safety reasons, we cannot allow students to walk down the hill unaccompanied.
- Parents should drive to the top of the College avoiding break-times:

- **Morning tea: 10.25am-11:10am**
- **Lunch: 12.35pm -1:15pm**

STUDENTS:

- When it is time to leave class, show the note to your class teacher.
- Report to the office to sign out.
- Wait for your parent/guardian to arrive.

Embracing change and continuous improvement

Careers Hub



Options Careers Bulletin:



Get all your careers information in the one location.

CAREER BULLETINS and CAREER HANDOUTS are located on the Parent Portal in the Careers Tile, please click here to access these resources.

THE COLLEGE HAS A DEDICATED CAREERS WEBSITE:
CLICK HERE TO ACCESS



Please link 4 x 'click here' below to the respective URL

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS click here

<https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/5>

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION updates click here

<https://stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/3>

[ADF/TAFE/CAREER EVENTS/OTHER](#) updates click here

<https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/2>

[SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP](#) updates click here

<https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/1>

Book an Appointment with the Careers Counsellor

Have a question you want to ask? Jump online and send us an email!

ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY PATHWAYS TEAM MEMBERS WILL GET BACK TO YOU ASAP:

Bernadette Natoli (Careers Counsellor):
sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au (Mon-Thurs)

Kim E Harrison (Pathways Assistant):
sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au (Tues-Fri)

Community News

St John's Alumni Spotlight

Mayah Clarke graduated St John's College in 2019. Many music lovers are already aware of Mayah's ongoing success. Since graduation Mayah has been pursuing her dreams as a recording/performing artist. Mayah is about to release her 3rd song 'Making Space' on February 25th. In true St John's spirit, 'Making Space' is a song about peace, love, and non-violence.



Please support her by pre-saving her track below, subscribing to her channels, and sharing her links with your family and friends.

<https://gyro.lnk.to/MakingSpace>

Find out more about Mayah here:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mayahsong>

Spotify: <https://gyro.lnk.to/ButterfliesTheRushInside>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MayahSong444>

Gallery

Shrove Tuesday



Library

